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THE JAPANESE DISCUSSION.

Honolulu, H. T., Dec. 14, 1906. Editor Advertiser: In almost every issue of your paper

for many days have been articles of writers upon the question of war between the United States and Japan.

Many articles give the supposed power and strength of Japan, and the advantages that nation would have over the United States.

These articles are undoubtedly read by many Japanese, and must cause opinions to be formed by them. If they have such great advantages over us, why not let them find it out for themselves! If we have many weak places, they may be able to find it out without any voluntary information. In a war with us they would undoubtedly learn a lesson which they would never otherwise know.

The head of our nation is being severely criticized, while very little is publicly known of the exact circumstances under which he is placed.

It is true that war between these two countries would be an awful thing, and no darker blot could stain our nation than to be accused of having to sacrifice the lives of our soldiers for the sake of the pride of a few of our people who are not willing to submit to reason.

In a serious matter, as this is, it would seem wise to say as little as possible. B. F. SNYDER.

Mr. Snyder may rest assured that there is nothing the Japanese general staff does not know about any phase of the American military and naval situation, particularly in the outposts of the United States in the Pacific. Our government does not try to guard its offensive and defensive secrets well; and few governments, however much they may undertake to conceal the things a possible enemy ought not to know, are able to outwit the Japanese. Only the other day the Kaiser remarked upon the perfect efficiency of the Japanese spy system in the light of the discovery that the barber who shaved many of the highest military officers at Berlin, and the foreign military and naval attaches, hearing their professional gossip daily, was a colonel in the Mikado's intelligence department. A few years ago Admiral Evans recognized, in the captain of a Japanese battleship, on whom he was calling, a former cabin servant of his own. So Mr. Snyder may feel satisfied that in its discussion of the present Japanese affair, the American and Hawaiian-American press are not giving anything away.

What this paper is trying to do is to warn Americans here and elsewhere, through fact and precept, that Japanese-baiting and Chinese-baiting are very different things and that Japan, as the strongest Pacific military power, great proud and sensitive, can not be flouted with impunity and does not deserve to be flouted in any case. By showing our national defencelessness in the Pacific and contrasting it with the acknowledged preparedness of Japan; by pointing out that Hawaii contains at least a full division of Japanese of more or less military training and that our naval and military garrison is left criminally weak by the central government, this paper hopes to convince its readers that nothing could be more surely opposed to our common welfare than to continue the anti-Japanese policy already begun here. Within two years there have been attempts, more or less adroit, to exclude the Japanese from pursuits which their treaty apparently gives them the right to follow-to prevent their making a livelihood by driving backs, shoeing horses, practicing medicine and selling liquor. Happily, on these subjects, good sense is beginning to prevail; but we doubt that this would have been the case, save for the discussion of which Mr. Snyder complains,

As for the President, he is being criticized, as some newspapers are, for saying things which will be justified in public opinion when all the phases of the Japanese crisis become generally known.

RUEF AND SCHMITZ.

Boss Ruef, with whom Mayor Schmitz is said to have parted company, has made a very large fortune since he came into the political power which he has sought in San Francisco since the days of Mayor Ellert. It would be unjust to him to say, however, that all the methods he has used in acquiring this wealth are indictable. Of recent years, the brains of men who live by politics, have applied themselves with great success to the problem of what Senator Plunkett of Tammany Hall calls "honest graft"-how to get rich quickly at the expense of the public, without violating the law.

The Schmitz-Ruef method, so far as it supplied the pockets of Ruef himself, seems to have been this: At the beginning of his administration, Mayor Schmitz wrote a private letter to Ruef, thanking him for his political services, acknowledging a lifelong friendship and professing the utmost confidence in him as a lawyer. Of course this letter saw print, as was intended. The result was that when any individual or private corporation wanted a franchise or anything else within the gift of the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, he felt impelled to see Ruef about it and employ his professional services. Ruef came high but the clients had to have him; and the outcome for the lawyerboss is the largest legal practice in San Francisco. This, of course, can not be reached by law, unless other charges of a criminal nature result in a way to take Ruef out of his office and put him in jail; or unless it can be proved that Ruef's fees are divided with the Mayor and Supervisors, thus taking the form of a bribe given and received,

The indictment of Ruef and Schmitz is based upon the charge that they have taken toll from disorderly houses, profiting by the usufruct of vice. This is graft of the time-worn kind, long operative in San Francisco and elsewhere and if proved against the boss and his mayor, will be quite enough to land them in prison. But the ways of such manipulators are past finding out, and it will be very strange indeed if the law succeeds in getting them tight within

ONE LINK DROPPED.

Honolulu people learned yesterday how closely allied to their habits and comfort is the morning paper. Despite the printed notice that the Advertiser's one holiday of the year would be taken, nearly everybody who gets this journal in regular course, went out early to look for it. Even some of the many people who make the Advertiser did the same thing. Any number of subscribers telephoned the publication office that their paper was missing and in the restaurants and cafes there was a general growl because it did not show up.

A morning paper is as essential to the reading public of a city as breakfast After a long night's sleep people awake with an unappeasable thirst for news Probably on resurrection day there will be an instant call for a paper unless the resuscitated billions of men and women, who were used to it in life, are as wide information as possible.

The only doubtful views which any too scared to read. At any rate, time-to-get-up is the time-to-read-up, by "The only doubtful views which any universal assent. What has been happening during the long hours of oblivion members of the committee had heard universal assent. What has been happening during the long hours of oblivion expressed did not raise any question its action now would start the ball rolling the committee adjourned."

occurred since yesterday in town and territory and in the world-at-large! One can't have kept awake to know; hence the sunrise spectacle all over town, of barefoot men in pajamas seeking their Advertiser-and yesterday seeking it

But the loss will be amply recompensed. For 364 days to come, half a hundred people will collaborate to produce, each morning, a paper which they all hope will be worth getting up for.

STOP BUTCHERING TREES.

In their efforts to protect the trees of the city, the Commissioners have refused the request of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for permission to trim the trees on Thirteenth street, between D street and Pennsylvania avenue, southeast. T. Lanham, superintendent of parking, reported that the trees in question are fine young lindens, and that to cut their branches sufficiently to relieve the wires would be ruinous to them. His recommendation that the request be refused was adopted.

The foregoing is from a Washington, D. C., paper. It shows that not everywhere is a telephone franchise synonymous with a license to cut, slash and back

In no city in the world are trees along the streets more needed for comfort ing itself for all of the records from and beauty than they are in Honolulu; and in no city in the world is there a the various departments which it is more wanton and reckless butchering of trees than in this same city.

Is it not about time that the Improvement Associations and the Promotion Committee got busy and changed this?

Beautiful streets are one of our assets, with which to charm tourists; but how can our streets be beautiful when they are dusty and exposed to the full glare of a tropic sun; and, with few exceptions, are lined either with no trees at all, or with the ragged stubs of branches where the telephone and electric nually instead of biennially. There is light vandals have wrecked all the trees which ventured near the sidewalk?

Telephone and electric light wires should either go underground or on back streets, leaving the main streets to be ornamented by beautiful trees, to the benefit alike, of tourist and resident.

THE WAY TO SAFETY.

Sometimes by an assertion of the interstate commerce power, sometimes by the assertion of the taxing power, the national government is taking up the performance of duties which under the changed conditions the States are no longer capable of adequately performing. * * * The end is not yet.

There is but one way in which the States of the Union can maintain their power and authority under the conditions which are now before us, and that ity amendment, passed at last session way is by an awakening on the part of the States to a realization of their duties to the country at large. Under the conditions which now exist, no State can live unto itself alone and regulate its affairs with sole reference to its own treasury, its own convenience, its own special interests. * * *

The intervention of the national government in many of the matters which it has recently undertaken would have been wholly unnecessary if the States themselves had been alive to their duty toward the general body of the country. It is useless for the advocate of state rights to inveigh against the supremacy of steamer was discharging cargo. the constitutional laws of the United States, or against the extension of national authority in the fields of necessary control, where the States themselves fail in the performance of their duty. The instinct for self-government among the people of the United States is too strong to permit them long to respect anyone's right to exercise a power which he fails to exercise. The governmental control which they deem just and necessary they will have. - Secretary Root.

JAPANESE NATURALIZATION.

If any one can find a Japanese who wants to be naturalized in this of any other country he should produce him to settle the doubts which the vast majority of people who know Japan, hold on that subject. Expatriation is more unpopular among Japanese than it is among Americans; and how our own ital and surplus of \$1,000,000. people regard it may be judged from their attitude towards William Waldorf

Japanese look upon an exchange of nationality precisely as Roman citizens

At the same time they do not like to have any privilege denied them which is granted by a treaty power to other aliens. Their pride is hurt by being set apart as unworthy of a privilege which Europeans and even Africans enjoy.

President Roosevelt knows all this and is treating the matter safely and sanely. Those who abuse him for it might not do so if they had his full understanding of the crisis with which he has to deal.

The Advertiser congratulates the board of medical examiners on its just and wise decision to examine Japanese petitioners for medical licenses, in Committee, not having been accepted, their own tongue, thus doing for the Japanese what they do for us in their is now withdrawn. country. We have so often discussed the merits of the issue, now so happily quieted, that there is no need of further argument; but we may add in line quieted, that there is no need of further argument; but we may add in line lustrated. President Pinkham of the with the plea that, at this critical juncture with Japan, our officials should Board of Health and High Sheriff do all they can to remove causes of misunderstanding between American citizens and Japanese subjects here, that the action of the medical board merits public commendation. It is a service not too small to be known at Tokio and appreciated at Washington.

When Willie Crawford comes to trial on that indictment for keeping a gambling place, can he not prove that he was a prominent figure in the Republican business men's parade, as showing that he is a business man and not a gambler!-Star.

Is there a greater business interest in Honolulu than that of Chines gambling-one causing more money to change hands or engaging the custom of more people? And was anything more appropriate in the Brown business men's parade than Willie's appearance in the vant

Alex. Robertson states that he will stay in the chairmanship of the Republican Territorial Committee. There is no accounting for tastes, but the average party chief, after receiving such an emphatic vote of want of confidence as Robertson got last November, would have the grace to get out. Every candidate but one, for whom the chairman made special efforts, was defeated. As a very amateur politician indeed, and one who is successful only in creating strife within the party, the least seen of Robertson in politics the better for the Republican cause.

King Peter, the Servian ruler by grace of the regicides, has never been popular in his kingdom and may have to go. It is proposed to put some steamship Chiuso Maru. European prince in his place, thus doing away with the two hostile houses, of swineyard extraction, which have so long played the bloody game of Montague and Capulet. In some such arrangement appears to be Servia's only

The Pacific coast "fault" is still doing business. Arauco, a town in Chile, has been half destroyed by an earthquake, making the third catastrophe of the kind since April 18. Coincident with the decline in the fire insurance trade on the line of seismic phenomena there ought to be a boom in life insurance.

Two vessels of the Japanese training squadron which may or may not me here, were famous in the Japan-China war, the Matsushima being the flagship of Admiral Ito at the naval battle of the Yalu. The other two were of the active fleet.

Congress has put the quietus on the reformed spelling. A good many Congressmen have too much trouble with the old spelling to risk any stunts

Every time water gets into the Nuuanu dam it seems to cost the taxpayers money.

(Continued from Page One.) behalf, to furnish Secretary Root with

or the good effect the congress would have on the consular service and the commerce of the Pacific, but were altogether as to whether Secretary Root would take it up or our ability to put it through without his assistance latter question was left to be decided after the attitude of Secretary Root

LOCAL BREVITIES.

(From Thursday's Advertiser.) Treasurer Campbell has filed a demurrer to W. C. Peacock's complaint for false arrest against him and the county police officials. The other defendants had previously demurred.

Dai Fook Tai has sued her husband. Lau Kwai Sau, for divorce on the ground of extreme cruelty in conse-quence whereof she had left him two years ago. They have three children but no prayer regarding their custody

is made in the libel.

The train from Watalua on Tuesday afternoon struck a Chinaman near Moanalua, breaking one of his legs and hurting him otherwise. After jumping off the track as the train approached him he stepped back and was hit by the cowcatcher. He was brought to Honolulu.

Archivist Lydecker is already finding difficulty from lack of cases for the proper storage of papers in the Archives building. It is doubted to there will be room enough in the builddesired should be deposited therein. Thus far Mr. Lydecker has only handled the accumulations of the old Foreign office, yet finds the depository cramped.

Governor Carter favors a change in the law to have reports of departments to him for the Legislature made aninconvenience now, both for the Executive and the Legislature, from the fact that some departmental reports end with the close of the period on June 30, while others carry affairs down to December 30 next preceding the opening of the Legislature. At present the Governor requires annual reports of departments for his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior.

If Karl Weidman's libel previously reported against the steamer Nebras kan for personal injuries prove otherwise valid, it may become a test case of whether the fellow servants' liabilof Congress, applies to steamships as well as railways. It was designed for the railways. The new law makes common carriers liable for negligence of any of their agents or employes in case of injury sustained by any other \$2000 for injuries sustained from a piece of sheet iron falling on him when the

James D. Dole returned with his bride in the Mongolia. Stock of the Nahiku Rubber Co. will

be listed on the stock exchange today. Captain Saunders of the American bark St. Katherine in port is a cousin of Admiral Very.

Mrs. Augusta Lose of San Francisco, formerly of Honolulu, announces the engagement of her daughter, Anita, to Edwin Francis Leitich.

The Bank of Hawali was nine years old yesterday. Starting with a capital of \$300,000, it has now a combined cap-

Twelve pages of the Secretary of the Interior's annual report are devoted to The information conveyed under this head is derived from the Governor's annual report to the Secre-

tary.
R. C. Stackable, acting collector of customs, is preparing his report for 1906 to the Secretary of the Treasury. It is thought the customs receipts for November at the port of Honolulu will make a new record.

G. M. Robertson returned from San Francisco sooner than expected in the Mongolia. His resignation as chairman of the Republican Territorial

Possibly some of the departmental reports for the Legislature will be il-Henry have interesting photographs they would like to have reproduced in

their reports.

Abram G. Kaulukou, the young Hawailan attorney, is reported to be gathering points in the deputy county sheriff's office, from which it is surmised that he may be the successor to Henry Vida as county sheriff's assistant. Vida

will retire January 1. News came from Hilo on the Enterprise of the contemplated retirement of Charles A. Stoble from the position of cashier of the First Bank of Hilo, on January 1. Mr. Stobie has been conwith the bank as cashier since it opened for business five or six years

George H. Fairchild, manager of Makee Sugar Co.'s plantation, left for home last night. He said that Col. Spalding and himself were willing to release the Kapaa land to the Government whenever the crop was taken off, but desired to make arrangements with the settlers under which they would cultivate cane for the mill. The lease will expire in May,

Depositions were taken before U. S. Commissioner Geo. A. Davis yesterday in the admiralty libel of Inter-Island Steam Navigation Co. v. Japanese Combe and Jas. B. Barneson of the of libelee. Smith & Lewis appeared for libelant, and R. W. Breckons and Holmes & Staffley for libelee. The libel is for \$20,000 as salvage.

chives Commission was informed Judd that a bill would be intro duced in the Legislature providing for the making of certified copies of documents on deposit for use in the courts. Many of the papers are so old that they will not stand much handling. librarian.

COURT ITEMS.

A. S. Humphreys for plaintiff has filed a joinder in demurrer in the case of Goo Wan Hoy v. Yuen Kee, also which had been on notice of motion to be presented bethree days ago." fore Judge De Bolt on Wednesday at The Wimbledon

An order to show cause for nonpayment of alimony was issued yesterday in the Ah Leong divorce case.

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WIMBLEDON ON FIRST VISIT.

Another of the Watts-Watts steamers is paying her first visit to this port. cable ship Restorer testified on behalf the S. S. Wimbledon, from Newcastle, arriving yesterday afternon. The Wimbledon brings a big coal cargo of 5060 tons, consigned to Irwin & Co., part At its meeting yesterday the Ar- of which will be discharged directly by on the railway cars at the railway wharf, where the steamer is now lying

"The hardest northeast trades I ever say in my life was the weather en-countered by the collier after she left the equator," the words being those of Captain H. Coward, who has visited commission passed a resolution to pro- nearly every corner of the globe but hibit the removal of any book, paper who is seeing Honolulu now for the or relic from the building without the first time. "The Wimbledon has had written order of a Commissioner to the a rough passage, the trades blowing almost continuously into a gale, during only ninety-two miles one day. The head winds were the cause of the delay in the arrival of the steamer, which had been expected to arrive here

The Wimbledon will be some days in 9:30 to have a day set for argument port discharging her cargo. Where she will clear for from here depends on the orders received by Captain Coward, who expects to be sent to Van-couver for lumber for the Colonies.

DIED.

MEREDITH-At the family home, Peobles, Scotland, November 29, 1906, Mrs, Meredith, sister of Dr. H. C. Watt, formerly of Lihue, Kauai, and of Mrs. W. Fisher of Libue. About seven years ago Mrs. Meredith visited in Linue,